

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Graciela G. Cowger (Reg. No.: 42,444) on 2/13/2012.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Please amend **claim 38**, as follows:

38: (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

embedding a control mark within an electronic document created by a document word processor,

wherein the control mark remains embedded in the electronic document after changing a body of the electronic document with the document word processor;

wherein the control mark cannot be changed by or removed with the document word processor; and

wherein the control mark includes an encrypted check sum configured to self-authenticate or self-validate the electronic document;

detecting at least one packet containing the electronic document transmitted over a network;

making a determination that the electronic document has been changed in response to detecting the control mark in the electronic document contained in the at least one packet; and

blocking access to the electronic document in response to the determination.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MACEEH ANWARI whose telephone number is (571)272-7591. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-5:00 PM ES.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack W. Keith can be reached on 571-272-6878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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